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Friday September 5th at 7:30 P.M. in the Menlo Park Recreation Hall our program will be a talk with slides by Winfield Wagener W6VQD of Sonora. Win took a World DXpedition, a four month around the world cruise on a Chinese Cargo Liner. He made many contacts with hams and was able to stop and meet them in person for "eye-ball QSOs." The ship made many stops. The February 1974 World Radio News has an article about this DXpedition.

A special meeting of the Board was called to consider filling the vacancies. Attending the meeting Wednesday August 13th were Ed W6ALT, Loren WA6ENC, TERRY WB6GRZ, Paul W6QBY, Paul WN6IJP, Fred K6YT and Hal W6DEF. The new secretary will be Terry WB6GRZ. He will take over when Hal moves to the "Gold Country."

Producing PAARA-GRAFHS is still undecided. Seemed to be the concensus that one man should do the editing, that is writing and typing the bulletin and another to run it off. The copy machine runs OK, it just requires a skill to be developed to overcome the quirks.

The Auction/Rummage sale tentatively will be held as usual at the Ampex Cafeteria and the date will be Friday October 3rd. Volunteers are needed for the job of auctioneer. Call Fred K6YT or Jerry WAGLIJ.

Our Auction/Rummage sale is one of the high points of the year. As a previous PARRA-GRAFHS article pointed out, ours is one of the best in the area.

EMARC (Electronic Museum Amateur Radio Club) is starting Novice License Classes September 4th and every Thursday at 1930 local time at Foot-hill College. If interested call Kelly WB6AAT on weekends at 961-2259.

Nick Marshall W6OLO should be given credit for a fine talk on Space Age Medical Communications using the Papago Indian Tribe in Arizona as a means of testing and perfecting. Of course we must also give credit to Merle Parten K6DC for his talk on high power tubes used in RF amplifiers. It was of great help to anyone intersted in such.

A new member is Bob Arcularius WN6ICN 640 Fairmede Avenue, Palo Alto.

Visitors at the meeting August 1 were Manual Urrutia CE3AB of Chile, Jack Pitts W6BD, Ron Panton W6VG, George Christofferson K6MTZ, Brian Palumbo WB6LAM.

Ed Fairbanks as that you let him know if you change your address. If the Post Office lets us know that you have moved it costs us a dime.

A volunteer at the Golden Gate Chapter, American Red Cross, Sequoia Area Office, 3540 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park cut the stencils for this edition of PAARA-GRAPHS. Later they were run off on the machine at the Sequoia Area Office. K6OTR is located at the Sequoia Area Office.

The National Traffic System is part of the Amateur Radio Public Service Corps. The Northern California Net is the NTS and the sessions are every evening at 1900 and 2030 local time on 3630 KHZ.

When W6DEF goes to the Gold Country NCN representatives locally are:

LARRY DAILY W6KZJ 1601 Arroyo Ave., San Carlos

DAN DRATH W6QNB 136 Trinity Lane, Portola Valley

BOB TRAVIS W6BVB 340 Ventura Ave., Palo Alto

Also JERRY HOLTER W60CP 716 Central Ave., Menlo Park can take any "third party" traffic.

Look on page 26 of the August issue of QST. John Ellison W6AOI of Menlo Park had an article. Very vine business John.

Some people like to reminisce and others do not. It is impossible to please everyone. I'll make it short.

In 1950 the Palo Alto Recreation Department had a hobby show and the Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association won a blue ribbon. "Third party" traffic was originated by W6ECH/6. In 1952 the Club was meeting at the Palo Alto Community Center. In 1953 QST was \$3.50 a year. In 1954 the Club moved to Menlo Park. Bill Tallman W6DVB, Glen Baker W6UOK and Eric Edberg W6DU were members then and now. In the early part of 1954 John L. Reinartz was a speaker at a meeting of the Club. On January 27, 1956 the Club received a letter from the City Manager of Palo Alto thanking the Club for the "tremendous assistance" given on December 23, 1955. On November 4, 1955 there were 69 Hams who signed the log at that meeting. W6DEF became a member in December 1956.

If you would like some more of the history of PAARA let the Secretart know. What happened of interest in the late '50's, the 60's and the 70's?

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It is with regret that I must resign my post as Secretary. We've purchased a home in Auburn and we'll be moving sometime in October it looks like. We'll be close to where my daughter, her husband and my grandson lives. They have a business called the "Sweet Earth Gallery, Plant and Gift Shop" at the Theatre Mall, 989 Lincoln Way. We'll be baby-sitting and helping at the shop. It is a very pretty place and you are all invited to come up and see us sometime.

Terry Conboy WB6GRZ will take over the job as secretary. Steve Stuntz K6FS will be the new Emergency Coordinator. Loren Chan WA6ENC will be the Trustee for K60TR.

A question has been raised lately as to what practical thing an amateur radio operator should do if there is a disaster at some point and he is anxious to communicate either into or out of that point. For instance in Portola Valley which is over the San Andreas Fault, how would WA6DEE, Dick and Yvonne Tryce, be able to communicate to someone outside if no one monitors the frequency they are capable of communicating on. If there is a "shake" there. Also because of the "shakes" at Oroville lately, W6QBY, Paul, asks how can he find out about his daughter who lives there. Also with regard to the tornado in Omaha, how did WB6VZZ and W6DEF find out about relatives and friends there?

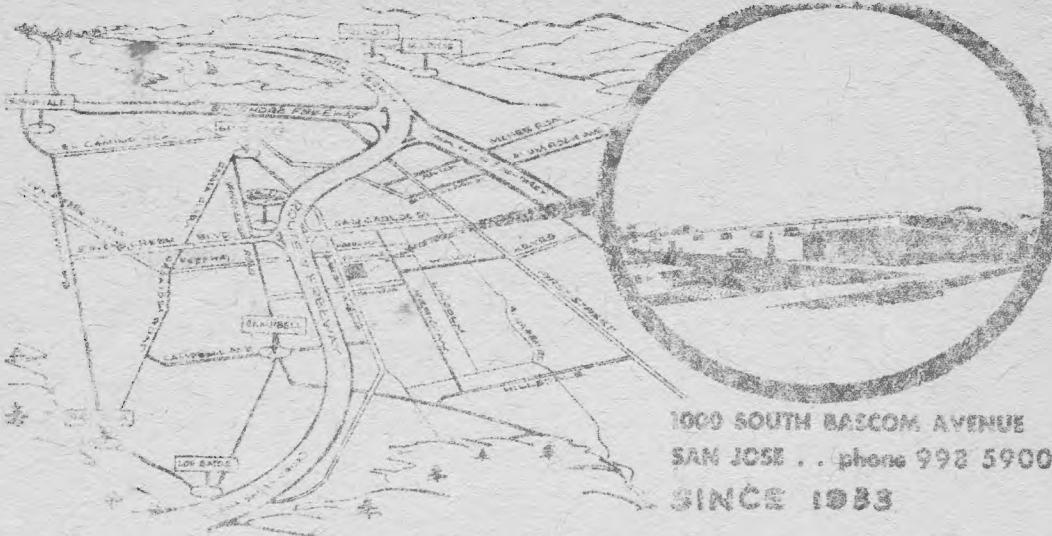
My experience is that "health and welfare" inquiries are the last to be considered in a disaster area. You can do best by listening to all possible channels and by taking notes. Be ready to communicate if you can be of assistance because of the notes you have taken. Be sure that the time you took the notes are recorded because conditions might change.

The various two meter repeaters are being used almost all of the time. If the San Mateo Repeaters are not on then there are others available. You have to have their input frequencies available, of course.

Medium frequencies are used, 75 and 40 meters but a person has to listen and listen and listen. Making notes as to time, location and circumstances. A versatile amateur radio station is a requirement. Some practice as to the use of phonetic is an asset.

All of this points out that we must practice by using our gear.

Can all of this be discussed at some meeting in the future?



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